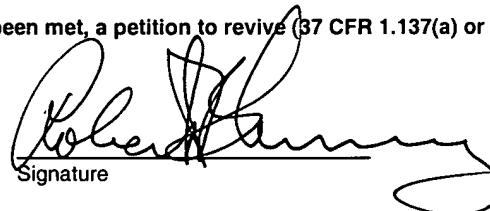


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | 2923-733 | |
| | | U.S. Application No. (if known) | |
| | | New Application 10/553194 | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/004070 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 16, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 16, 2003 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION LABEL WITH A METALLIZATION LAYER PROTECTED AGAINST CORROSION | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Werner EHRMANN, Uwe BAIER, Klaus BRANDENBURG, Stefan DEMMEL, Mathias EHRICH, Steffen SCHNEIDER, Wolfgang ZOLLNER | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | | |
| ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included: | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | | |

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| <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <p>[X] RO/101 [] RO/105 [X] ISA/210(ISR) [] IB/301 [] IB/304 [X] IB/306 [] IB 401 [] IB/409(IPER) [] IB/416 [X] Published Application WO 2004/093219</p> | | | |
| 21. The following fees are submitted: | | <u>CALCULATIONS</u> | <u>PTO USE ONLY</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee \$300.00 | | \$ 300 | |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee | | \$ 200 | |
| If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). \$0 All other situations \$200.00 | | | |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee | | \$ 400 | |
| If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00 | | | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 = | | \$ 900 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | \$ | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof | Rate |
| - 100 = | / 50 = | | x 250 \$ |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | \$ | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate |
| Total Claims | 17 -20 = | | X \$50.00 \$ |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | | X \$200.00 \$ |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | + \$360.00 | \$ |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | \$ 900 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | \$ 900 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | | + \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | \$ 900 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | + \$ 40 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | \$ 940 | |
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| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-2135 in the amount of \$900 to cover the above filing fees and \$40 to cover the assignment recordation fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> | | | | |
| <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Customer No. 06449</p> <p>Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck 1425 K St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Phone: 202/783-6040</p> | | | | |
|  <p>Signature</p> <p>Robert B. Murray</p> <p>Name</p> <p>22,980</p> <p>Registration Number</p> | | | | |